GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – MA&UD Department - Allegation of corruption and misappropriation of funds by the Municipal Officials of Machilipatnam Municipality - Departmental action initiated against Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, former Municipal Commissioner, Machilipatnam Municipality, Krishna District – Inquiry conducted – Imposing a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of five (5) years – Orders – Issued.

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MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 429 **Dated: 07-05-2018**

Read the following:

1. From the DG, ACB, Hyderabad, Lr.No.8/RE-V-VKI/2006-S9, dated.25.07.2008.
2. G.O.Rt.No.1231, MA&UD (Vig.IV.1) Dept., dt.29.08.2008.
3. Explanation submitted by Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, Former Municipal Commissioner, Machilipatnam, dtd.nil.
4. G.O.Rt.No.555, MA&UD (Vig.I) Dept., dated.26.08.2015.
5. From the DMA, A.P., Guntur, Roc.No.19837/2008/C1, dated.13.07.2016 along with Enquiry report from the Enquiry Authority, letter dated.28.06.2016.
6. Govt. Memo.No.12873/Vig.I.1/2008, MA&UD (Vig.I) Dept., dated.15.03.2017.
7. From the DMA, A.P., Guntur, Roc.No.19837/2008/C1, dtd.29.10.2017.
8. Govt. Letter No.12873/Vig.II.1/2008, dated.23.11.2017.
9. From the Secretary, APPSC., Vijayawada, Lr.No.866/DC&C/1/2017, dated.19.12.2017.

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O R D E R:

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Hyderabad has conducted detailed enquiry into the allegations against the staff of Machilipatnam Municipality and suggested Departmental action in respect of Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, former Municipal Commissioner, Machilipatnam and (4) others and to drop action against Sri V.Nageswara Rao, Manager (Retd) and Smt. S.Nookamani, C3 Clerk.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, Government has initiated departmental action against Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, former Municipal Commissioner, Machilipatnam in terms of Rule-20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 by issuing Article of Charges against him with a direction to submit written statement of defense within in stipulated time. In the reference 3rd read above, the charged officer has submitted his written statement of defence, duly denying the charges, and requested to exonerate from the charges leveled against him.

3. As the explanation submitted by the charged officer is not convincing, Government have appointed Sri T.Sakala Reddy, Regional Director of Municipal

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Administration, Rajahmundry as Enquiry Officer to enquire into the charges framed against Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, former Municipal Commissioner and Smt. N.Nirmala Devi, Junior Assistant vide reference 4th read above. In the reference 5th read above, the Enquiry Officer has submitted enquiry report stating that, out of five charges, two charges are held proved and two charges are partly proved in the enquiry in respect of Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, former Municipal Commissioner, Machilipatnam.

4. The report of the Enquiry Officer has been examined in detail and it has been provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of five (5) years against the charged officer Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, former Municipal Commissioner, Machilipatnam.

5. In the reference 6th read above, while communicating a copy of enquiry report, a show cause notice has been issued to Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, former Municipal Commissioner, Machilipatnam and now retired, as to why a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of five (5) years shall not be imposed against him under Rule-9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980. In the reference 7th read above, the Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Guntur has furnished the served copy of memo dated.15.03.2017 on the charged officer.

6. The matter has been examined in detail and keeping in view of the findings of Inquiry Authority, it has been decided to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of five (5) years against Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, former Municipal Commissioner, Machilipatnam Municipality under Rule-9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

7. Accordingly, the Secretary, APPSC was requested to furnish the concurrence of the Commission on the proposed penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of five (5) years against Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, former Municipal Commissioner, Machilipatnam Municipality vide reference 8th read above. The APPSC in the reference 9th read above, has conveyed the concurrence to the said proposal of the Government.

8. Government, after careful examination of the matter, have decided to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of five (5) years against Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, former Municipal Commissioner, Machilipatnam Municipality in terms of Rule-9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980, as the charges framed against him are held proved in the enquiry.

9. Accordingly, Government hereby impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of five (5) years against Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, former Municipal Commissioner, Machilipatnam Municipality in terms of Rule-9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980, as the charges framed against him are held proved in the enquiry.

10. The Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Guntur shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

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11. The receipt of G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

R.KARIKAL VALAVEN
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, former Municipal Commissioner,
Machilipatnam Municipality - **through** the DMA, A.P., Guntur.
The Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Guntur.
Copy to:
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Vijayawada.
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission,
A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The Principal Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.
The Principal Accountant General (A&E), A.P., Hyderabad.
SF/SC.

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SECTION OFFICER.